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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 17268

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, IT

SUBJECT: UHF LINK MT LIMBARA/LA MADDALENA

REF: (A) STATE 266919; (B) ROME 14006

1. TENUOUS LEGAL BASIS FOR OUR PRESENCE IN LA MADDELENA CONTINUES UNTIL BILATERAL INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT AMENDED. IN THIS INTERIM A NUMBER OF ISSUES REMAIN IN ABEYANCE IN ORDER NOT TO PRESENT PRETEXTS THAT MIGHT FORTIFY POSITION OF THOSE IN ITALIAN BUREAUCRACY RELUCTANT TO PROCEED WITH AMENDING BIA FOR FEAR IT WOULD LEAD TO AN UNCONTROLLED GROWTH OF US ACTIVITY ON THE ISLAND AND PROVIDE THE LEFT WITH FURTHER MATERIAL WITH WHICH TO BELABOR GOVERNMENT.

2. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING PINPOINT THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE SUGGESTED BIA AMENDMENT, WHICH AT LAST READING HAD BEEN REFERRED BY MFA (REPORTEDLY FAVORABLY) TO THE MOD FOR CONCURRENCE. SOME WEEKS AGO IT HAD BECOME CLEAR THAT THE THEN MINISTER OF DEFENSE ANDREOTTI DID NOT WISH TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE ISSUE. WITH NEW GOVERNMENT INSTALLED, WE HAVE ASKED MFA TO AGAIN REQUEST CONCURRENCE OF MOD. WITHIN  
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THE NEXT FEW DAYS THE AMBASSADOR MAY BE ABLE TAKE UP ISSUE,  
IF STILL UNRESOLVED, WITH THE NEW MINISTER OF DEFENSE.  
IN THE MEANTIME INSTALLATION OF AN ANTENNA ON THE NSO BUILDING  
AT LA MADDELENA WHICH IS NOT NOW COVERED BY BIA WOULD RISK POSSIBLE  
NEGATIVE LOCAL REACTION (AND SUBSEQUENT PRESS CRITICISM). THOUGH  
THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO INSTALLATION ON MT. LIMBARA, EMBASSY  
BELIEVES THAT ERECTION OF ANTENNA ON THE NSO BUILDING,  
ALONG WITH OPENING OF EM CLUB, CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATION  
FACILITY, POSSIBLE MOVEMENT OF PX AND COMMISSARY, AND  
POSSIBLE BROADCAST OF AFN TO US PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS  
AT THE INSTALLATION, SHOULD BE HELD IN SUSPENSE UNTIL  
UNDERLYING PROBLEM OF BIA COVERAGE SOLVED. EMBASSY  
WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED. VOLPE

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